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(PBEIST) - AD HOC STUDY GROUP ON LINES OF COMMUNICATION (LOC)

MEETING SEPTEMBER 10-11, 1975

SUMMARY: HOST NATIONS REPORTED THAT ALL MILITARY AND CIVIL REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AND PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS AND EVALUATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE. AD HOC GROUP AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON 3-4 NOVEMBER, 1975. THE CHAIRMAN HOPES TO HAVE FINAL REPORT READY FOR THE PBEIST DECEMBER MEETING. END SUSMMARY.

1. THE DRAFT DECISION SHEET OF THE MEETING IS RELATIVELY CONCISE AND IS QUOTED BELOW AS THE U.S. REP'S REPORT. INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPHS 1, 2 AND 3 ARE OMITTED.

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4. THE STUDY GROUP DISCUSSED THE MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AND EXCHANGED WORKING PAPERS ON THEIR METHODS OF ANALYSIS AND COMPARISON OF THE REQUIREMENTS TO CAPABILITEIS. THE GERMAN DELEGATION STATED THA
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THEY WERE ABLE TO BETTER DEFINE THEIR MILITARY ORIGINS AND DESTINATIONS IN ORDER TO ALSO EVALUATE THE CAPACITY OF TRANSPORT ROUTES. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THAT GERMANY FURNISH THE DATA IN GENERAL AREAS OF DESTINATION. THE WORKING GROUP AGREED THAT THE MOVEMENT OF POL MUST BE STUDIED SEPARATELY BUT IN THE TOTAL CONTEXT OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN NETWORK. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT THE BENELUX NATIONS SHOULD FURNISH GERMANY WITH THE BORDER CROSSING POINTS TO BE USED FOR THE RAIL TRANSPORT AND FINAL AREAS OF DESTINATION FOR TRANSHIPMENTS.

5. AFCENT REQUESTED THAT IT BE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE USER NATIONS MILITARY REQUIREMENTS PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED HOST NATIONS TO EVALUATE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE GENERAL DEFENSE PLAN (GDP). THE GROUP NOTED THAT THE SCENARIO USED TO DEVELOP THE REQUIREMENT MAY DIFFER FROM AFCENT'S GDP ASSUMPTIONS. THE USER NATIONS AGREED THEY WOULD PROVIDE A COPY OF THEIR MILITARY REQUIREMENTS DIRECT TO AFCENT BY 30 SEPTEMBER 1975.

6. THE STUDY GROUP NOTED THAT ALL USER NATIONS CIVIL REQUIREMENTS HAD BEEN PROVIDED TO THE HOST NATIONS. THE MEMBERS EXCHANGED WORKING PAPERS ON THEIR METHODS OF DEVELOPING CIVIL REQUIREMENTS. THE DISCUSSION POINTED OUT THE FOLLOWING:

A. INTERNAL MOVEMENTS WITHIN EACH NATION SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPARISON WITH CAPABILITIES.

B. DURING THE PERIOD OF BEFORE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES, CIVIL MOVEMENTS WERE SUPPOSED TO CONTINUE OR INCREASE AS STOCK PILES ARE BUILT UP.

C. INTERNATIONAL TRANSHIPMENTS AS WELL AS NATIONAL EXPORTS SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED.

7. THE MEMBERS EXCHANGED WORKING PAPERS ON THE ASSESSMENT OF CAPACITIES AND THE COMPARISON OF TOTAL REQUIREMENTS WITH CAPACITIES. THE MEMBERS AGREED THAT UNIFORM ASSUMPTIONS MUST BE USED IN THE ASSESSMENTS AND COMPARISONS. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COMPARISON SHOULD CONSIDER BOTH FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT CAPABILITY TO HANDLE TONS AND THE MODAL CAPABILITY TO MOVE TON KILO-
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METERS. INITIAL NATIONAL COMPARISONS SHOULD ASSUME THAT THE CCEW AND THE RAILWAY SYSTEMS ARE FUNCTIONING AS PLANNED FOR RAILWAY MOVEMENTS BUT THE HOST NATIONS SHOULD ONLY USE NATIONAL ROAD, PORT AND INLAND WATERWAY CAPABILITY FOR COMPARISON TO INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

8. THE STUDY GROUP AGREED THAT THEIR FINAL REPORT TO THE PLANNING BOARD SHOULD BE IN THREE PARTS. PART I SHOULD EXPLAIN THE ARBITRARY DECISIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS THAT HAD TO BE MADE IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY. PART II WILL BE THE COMPARISON OF REQUIREMENTS AND CAPABILITIES WITH TOTAL MILITARY AND CIVIL REQUIREMENTS SHOWN SEPARATELY WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION OF THE USER NATIONS. PART III SHOULD CONTAIN THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE STUDY GROUP

AND IDENTIFY OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS. THE REPORT SHOULD BE
CLASSIFIED NATO SECRET. UPON COMPLETION OF THE REPORT, THE
RAPPORTEUR'S FILES SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE PBEIST SECRETARY
FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

9. THE STUDY GROUP AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON 3-4 NOVEMBER,
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